

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 457-5 and chapter 91, notice is hereby given, that the Board of Nursing (“Board”) will hold a public hearing on Friday, December 3, 2004, at 8:45 a.m., in the Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room, first floor, King Kalakaua Building, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, 335 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, to hear all persons interested in the proposed amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) chapter 16-89 pertaining to nurses.

The purposes of the proposed amendments are to: (1) clarify each of the three types of nursing programs for candidates to be eligible for the registered nurse (“RN”) exam; (2) broaden state nursing programs to be nationally accredited; (3) add a nationally accepted definition of “semester credit”; (4) update terminology and language as widely used in nursing education circles today; (5) replace higher educational requirements for administrators of nursing programs; (6) allow faculty to provide nursing related service; (7) require faculty to be adequately trained through qualitative education and experience, rather than simply obtaining quantitative hours in a particular curriculum; (8) clarify student-teacher ratio; (9) require each program to maintain adequate records system; (10) require the board to notify a program for failure to meet requirements and right to a hearing in sixty days; (11) replace course and experience-specific language with curriculum requirements of national accrediting bodies; (12) require APRN programs to meet national accreditation standards; (13) provide guidelines for school annual reports to assess compliance with national standards; and (14) establish requirements prior to school closure.

All interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing at the time of hearing. All persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit 12 copies of their written testimony by Wednesday, November 24, 2004, to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address printed below.

A copy of the proposed rules will be mailed to any person who requests a copy upon receipt of \$6.29 for the copy and postage. Please submit your request to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address noted below or contact the Board's office at (808) 586-2695.

Copies may be picked up at the following address between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, 335 Merchant Street, Room 343, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The cost of a copy, \$5.00, is due and payable at the time of pick up.

Further, the proposed rules may be reviewed in person free of charge at the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division at the address and hours of operation printed above. In addition, the full text of the proposed rules is available and can be downloaded free of charge from the web site of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca>.

Individuals who require special needs accommodations are invited to call Kathleen L. Yokouchi at (808) 586-2695 at least four (4) days prior to the hearing.

Darryl Ing, Chair
Board of Nursing
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